

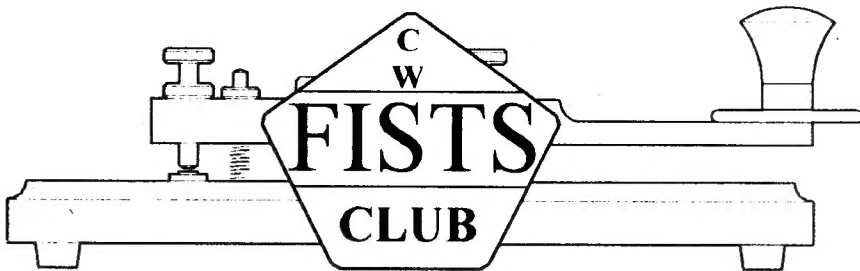
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# The Keynote

Newsletter of FISTS CW Club

The active chapter of the International Morse Preservation Society

**“Accuracy Transcends Speed”**



**Our Goals:**

**Further the use of Morse code**

**Engender friendships among members**

**Encourage newcomers to use Morse code**

**“When You’ve Worked A FISTS, You’ve Worked A Friend”**

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# FISTS CW CLUB

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Hi FISTS!

I hear that the mail delivery time for some of the Reference Issues was atrocious. I don't know if it was because it was too heavy or because the printer put the addresses at the top instead of the bottom or what, but it's very frustrating - both for you and for me. I have switched from mailing it myself at the local Hadley Post Office (which involved lugging and loading 25, 40 pound mailbags into my vehicle and unloading them into a bin at the PO, which believe me I was glad to give up - I should have done it sooner) to paying the printing company to mail it for us. I would have thought mailing it directly from the printer would have given us better delivery service, but this is apparently not the case. They also mailed the last issue of 2005, and that seemed to take longer than usual too, but I chalked it up to the holiday mail clogging up the system.

Bottom line is, I don't know what to do about it. I've checked with the PO and they insist that the final delivery is up to the delivery address post office - each post office the newsletter passes through has a certain latitude on how quickly it handles the bulk mail, and if we hit a time when they put it on the back burner, then it adds to the delivery time.

It's weird but some people get theirs within a week of mailing, and others it takes a couple months. And it doesn't seem to have anything to do with distance.

Yes, I know we can put the Keynote on the Internet, but that won't solve the problem for those who want to have a printed copy. We could go to first class delivery, but it would be more expensive and create more work for me because I'd have to maintain two separate tiers of mailing lists.

I don't mean to criticize the post office, I just want you to know I'm aware of the problem some of you are having.

Yesterday I got confirmation of the FISTS Booth at Hamvention! We will be in our usual spot, booth #100, on the slope that leads to the cafeteria and connecting the cafeteria to the main arena.

This will be an exciting year for FISTS because we will be having a Proficiency Party and hospitality area on Friday evening. It will be at the Holiday Inn, the same hotel at which the ARCI- 4 Days of Dayton is taking place. Chuck Adams, K7QO, will be there to autograph your code disks and you will have an opportunity to test your CW skills and earn a proficiency pin that you can wear the rest of the weekened to show off! We may also have certificates available, it's still in the planning stages. But plan to be there. There is still time to hone your skills and show everyone you're proud to be a KNOW CODE ham (don't forget to wear your FISTS shirt -got yours yet?) 73 88 33 Nancy WZ8C

# Welcome to the New FISTS

Number	Callsign	Name	ST	SPONSOR	Number	Callsign	Name	ST	SPONSOR
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12005	W5IH	BOBBY	TX		12053	KB4TOX	BILL	AL	
12006	WA9ZYC	DAVID	IN		12054	W2NDP	DAN	FL	
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12008	AB3AX	GORDON	PA	N3MD	12056	K7LAY	BOB	WA	K7LAZ
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		OPERATOR'S Club	UT	AD7HD	12074	WA9TVS	DON	IN	
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12027	AG4NN	LARRY	FL	N9BOR			Radio Society	CA	K6XL
12028	WA5RES	LARRY	OK	NP4FW	12076	KM3D	HARRY	PA	W7RVR
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12079	KG4DAZ	CHUCK	PA		12131	KT6KT	SERGE	NV	
12080	KL1UD	CRAIG	AK		12132	W2KLM	JIM	NJ	
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12092	KA4TXY	David	FL		12144	W7TEA	GARY	OR	
12093	KD0FS	Keith	MN		12145	VA3ZW	SCOTT	Ont	
12094	KE5CWN	LEO	TX		12146	WF3W	PHIL	PA	
12095	KA4RUR	FRED	MO		12147	NK0X	BEN	GA	W7RVR
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12097	K6LSJ	STEVE	CA	W9FFU	12149	KI4KZS	BRENT	TN	
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		of Bay Pines	FL	W4YD	12152	N4THG	TIM	TN	N4KCJ
12101	NN6T	GLEN	WY		12153	N1NMO	PETER	MA	WA1GCT
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12103	W4TWW	JOHN	SC		12155	KI6ATA	SHELDON	CA	
12104	WB2CIC	CHARLIE	FL	AC4FS	12156	N5SM	SCOTT	TX	
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12113	K4OZL	JOHN	FL		12165	K2PI	BOB	AE	
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12115	W7JWA	JAY	OR		12167	AE7BL	BILL	UT	
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		Erie Pennsylvania	PA	WB3DOM	12179	KE7FLM	HARRY	WA	
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12191	KB3DZ	SAM	DE	
12192	W1TPB	TED	MA	K7QO
12193	K0CCM	MIKE	NM	W0UY
12194	W7JHU	DICK	WA	W7RVR
12195	W6NOF	CHARLIE	OR	
12196	N0IME	AL	SD	
12197	W1MKF	DAN	RI	
12198	KD2MU	LOU	NY	
12199	K7JUB	AI	AZ	
12201	KC2GWK	Milton	NY	

## SILENT KEYS

*Lou Marchese, NB2T, #2944 passed away unexpectedly on March 1st. I met Lou on the FISTS frequencies almost seven years ago. Originally from Long Island, NY he moved down to Florida to Sunrise. With his J-38 pounding away you always knew it was Lou before hearing his call. He always was up beat and had the usual greeting of "Hi buddy hows it going?". He will be missed by many in the amateur radio community as well as a friendly fist on the air. Rich, AF2CW*

*Ron Brown, WZ0W, #1284, became a Silent Key March 5. After battling cancers, he passed away peacefully in his daughter's home in Washington and will be buried in his favorite cemetery in Hot Springs, SD. His family is donating his equipment to a school in Hot Springs to keep his signal on the air, hopefully with the club call WZ0W. Ron was an unassuming and quiet man who touched the lives of many, yet would probably be surprised at the number of people who mourn his passing.*

*My long time friend "Jack" Phifer, W4RTW, #4277, passed away February 8th due to long illnesses caused by diseased lungs. Only about 3 weeks prior we had a CW QSO with him and his sending was real good, speed a good 20 wpm. We were ham radio friends since 1962 and co-workers for 28 years. By trade he was a licensed electrician in N.C. A Korean War veteran and life member of VFW. "Jack" was 72 years of age. His widow, Joyce Phifer, can be reached at 704-664-3077 and 121 Gondola Road, Mooresville, NC 28117.*  
-Don, #3936

*Bud McClure #4267 K5IUO from Phoenix AZ became a SK. I met Bud, a fine CW operator, on one of my CW contacts one day and ever since we had a few e-mails. I knew he was very ill and his family sent me a note giving me the sad news. Hector NP4FW*

### We also note the passing of these fellow FISTS:

*W8LFJ Kermit Grunder #1794*

*K7VZ Harvey Zion #1943*

*K8TEM Tom Mitchell, Sr #6987 - cancer*

*K4SEE Forest Bahr, Sr. #5170*

*K4FW Al Kahn #1926*

Last column we talked about becoming discouraged with QRP and looked at some of the reasons you may be having trouble with QRP. All of those reasons applied to the ham at the other end of the QSO, not to you. This column we'll look at what you can do to be more successful with QRP. Just read each question and answer honestly. Then explore the answer and make any necessary adjustments you feel necessary to your station and/or yourself.

*1. Are your CQ's short and to the point?*

The best CQ pattern is a simple 3X2 with breaks of 4 or 5 seconds to listen for an answer. For example CQ CQ CQ DE K3WWP K3WWP K, listen for 4 seconds. If you don't get an answer, repeat the sequence until you do or until you get tired and go fishing or something else. Please never call endless CQ's before sending your call. How often have you heard someone send a string of 10, 15, or even more CQ's without identifying himself? Doesn't that turn you off? It does me, and I tune away from that person very quickly. Remember short CQ's with frequent breaks to listen for answers are the best way to go about getting a lot of QSO's

with your QRP (or QRO) station.

*2. Is your Morse as near to perfect as possible?*

The DX stations themselves say it's much easier to copy a weak station whose sending is perfect than a strong station who is sending a conglomeration of dots and dashes that only occasionally form letters.

Strive for perfection in your sending. Listen to W1AW or other 'machine sent' perfect code and strive to emulate it when you send CW. I'm sure you've all been forced to try to figure out if that was a Q or the letters MA, etc. As I write this, I just finished listening to someone calling KWA KWA KWA DE xxxxx. I assume he was trying unsuccessfully to send CQ.

Another thing - please keep those extra dots under control. If you're stuck with a call having H, 5, 6, S, etc., be sure you're sending the right number of dots in each letter. The problem also happens with dashes but not as often. It's very unprofessional to send 6, 7, or 8 dots when trying to send a 5. Now we all do it once in a while as mistakes are a part of human nature, but it becomes a habit with some hams to send sloppy code.

*3. Is your keying free from chirp, clicks, and drift?*

The same thing applies here as to sending perfect Morse. It's much easier to copy a signal that is clean and crisp than one that sounds like a canary singing or a cricket chirping.

Make it a point to periodically check your signal on the air either by exchanging stations with a ham friend so you can hear your own signals, or having someone you can work who will honestly tell you if your signal is not up to par. If you have a separate transmitter and receiver, it's easy to check yourself. I used to always know just how my signal sounded before I got my new transceiver. Now all I ever hear is how the sidetone generator in the transceiver sounds.

*4. Is all (or as much as possible) of your RF being radiated up to the ionosphere?*

When you are dealing with such a small amount of RF to start with, it is important to waste as little of it as possible heating up your feedline or any of the many other ways it can be wasted.

If you use a single band antenna, be sure it is resonant as close as possible to the frequency you use the most.

several different bands, use some sort of matching network to get an SWR as close to 1:1 as possible. I hear many stations running 100W or more who are much weaker than they should be, and I'm sure there is a mismatch somewhere in their antenna systems I know QRP works great even with simple antennas if you're just sure those antennas are doing their job.

*5. Do you use proper procedures in your operating?*

This covers a multitude of things. I'll just mention a few here.

If you DX, be sure to listen to the DX station before jumping in and calling. Find out his pattern. Some stations finish each QSO with their call; others send simply dit dit. Learn what the station you're trying to work is doing before you jump in.

Also be sure where he is listening. If he ends with UP, UP 1, etc., never call him on his own frequency. Call 1 (2,3, whatever) kHz higher than his frequency.

Often times the station won't say UP, and then it's up to you to figure out what he is doing with some careful listening. If he's very rare with no pileup on top of him, then it's virtually certain he is working split frequency. Search for the

pileup a kHz or two higher in frequency.

Otherwise don't do things like ending your CQ's with KN, don't call someone at the end of a QSO if they have sent CL. Learn all the procedure signals and what they mean, then use them only in the correct way.

*6. If you are calling CQ at 30 WPM, and someone answers you hesitatingly at 20 WPM, do you slow down to answer him?*

This is a rough one, but generally it is best to match your sending speed to that of the station you are working. There are cases where someone can copy 50 WPM, but just can't send faster than 20 WPM. So as I said this is a hard one to be definite about.

However, never answer someone's CQ faster than the speed at which they are sending unless you know them and know they can copy faster.

*7. Do you zero beat a station each time you call someone?*

This is very important, so learn how to zero beat someone with your rig if you don't already know. If the station you're working is running 400 watts, and you call him 500 Hz higher in frequency, it is quite possible that another station will not hear you and jump right on top of you. However if you are on

the exact frequency of the 400-watt station, you can pretty much be sure that he will keep the frequency clear for both of you.

Even more important, when you zero beat someone exactly; the two of you are only using one frequency instead of two leaving that much more room for other stations.

Finally, if you call off frequency, you are less likely to be heard. The station you are calling will almost always start off listening on his own frequency (except for some DX operations as mentioned previously), and if someone else is zero beat and you are not, guess who is going to get the QSO.

There are many other things that you can do to be successful with QRP.

I'd appreciate hearing any suggestions you have. One thing that many QRPer's do is to sign /QRP at the end of their calls. I've made almost 45,000 QRP QSO's, worked 204 countries, all states many times over, and all continents many times over in the past 13 years and have never done that, so...

Contact me in any of 3 ways: John Shannon, 478 E. High St., Kittanning, PA 16201-1304 - [home.alltel.net/johnshan](mailto:home.alltel.net/johnshan) or [johnshan@alltel.net](mailto:johnshan@alltel.net). Visit our NAQCC site at [www.armtek.net/~yoel/](http://www.armtek.net/~yoel/) 73. -30-

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## "CQ QRP CQ QRP"

QRP'ers are a part of our great amateur radio sister/brotherhood hobby. The Question is; Are those QRP awards and honors applied to the right hams?

Many QRP operators brag about how they've made QSOs through QRM, QRN, QSB and just plain bad conditions. Many QRP contest are held annually. Awards, certificates and various honors are printed in amateur radio magazines and in our KEYNOTE too!

To hear the boasting, one would think a QRP QSO is short of a miracle. "Wow these "teeny-weeny" transmitters do so well"! Their XYL's often wonder what happened to all of her cans of tuna fish?

I would like to redirect the accolades of our QRP world. The transmitting operator should not deserve all of the credit for hard work. Lets face it, there would never be a successful QRP QSO, unless there was a big-eared ham operating good receiving equipment with the ability to pick out those "teeny-weeny" dots and scratches hidden in the static.

I recommend that the CW FISTS CLUB to recognize where the true honors for skill in a QRP QSO should be.

I suggest we create the **CW FISTS BIG EAR AWARD**.

The club could offer a certificate with a large human ear, surrounded by our FISTS Clubs' logo. It would be granted to CW FISTS members for their great skill in working 100 FISTS QRP'ers. What do you think of that?

73 & 88's

John Killian N2UC

FISTS # 3114 Hee Hee!

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Irene, WO8E, and I travel around to several hamfests during the season and have handed out several hundred of the FISTS sponsored K7QO code courses (free of charge, of course).

If even a fraction of the people who take the disk put any effort into it and learn the code, imagine the number of new operators we'll have!

This program is wonderful for someone who wants to learn the code, or if you would like to increase your proficiency.

It will get you up to 30 wpm, but it's not a magic pill. You have to do the WORK and practice.

That means putting the disk into your mp3 player or computer and listening to it.

To get your copy, send an SASE (an envelope addressed to you with sufficient postage for a disk, usually 60 or 83 cents, depending on the envelope type) to me at Nancy/FISTS, PO Box 47, Hadley MI 484410

### **WARC BANDS CHALLENGE Reminder**

Please bear in mind that contest activity there is deeply frowned upon and whilst you are encouraged to make use of them, number chasing can well be perceived as contest activity so your FISTS number and locator details should be an incidental part of a normal QSO. Having said that, Robert (M0BPT) - your EU contest manager, has devised the following: From 00.01 1st January 2006 to 23.59 31st December 2006, this challenge is separate from all other activities in the FISTS calendar. Bands 30M, 17M & 12M

### **RULES**

**Mode:** C.W. **Only Scoring:** 1 point non members, 2 points FISTS members, 3 points Fists club stations.

**Exchange:** FISTS nr, (NM,) and IARU locator square (IO85 etc) which can be used as a multiplier for the total number of contacts made during the year.

For the locator square to be eligible for a multiplier, a club member must have been worked within the square. i.e. G9XYZ scores 2,400 points 12 different locator squares.  $2,400 \times 12 = 28800$ .

Repeat stations: can only be worked a maximum of four times per month.

## FISTS Fall Sprint, 2005 Results

Hello fellow FISTS!

This Fall Sprint was the battle of the FFF's as we had 4 FISTS clubs that end in "FFF"

who submitted logs. Overall 9 FISTS clubs sent in logs. Thanks folks for getting the clubs together and on the air.

I also wish to send a special "thanks" to Ger, PA0OI and Tony, G3ZRJ for sending in a log. Nice to see our DX family in the Sprints!

73, Dan, N8IE, Sprint Manager, FISTS #4985

### QRO Category

<i>Call</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>FISTS#</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Score</i>
K4BAI	John	2158	GA	33464
W4MY	Marty	10945	NC	25010
W9YQ	Dwight	2765	WI	17440
K4OSO	Milt	11383	VA	14620
N2DY	Jack	11105	OK	11104
W9IL	Louis	11187	IL	10990
N7YY	Bernie	4595	MT	10830
KB1AF	Wendy	9292	FL	8176
KL7FH	Frank	11715	AK	7917
K2QJ	Robert	6163	NJ	7105
KE5C	John	7295	TX	7025
N3RSD	Jesse	2411	DE	6873
N8JK	John	5034	OH	6183
K7NM	Lee	8233	UT	6162
KE4COH	Bryan	7678	SC	6060
W4DON	Don	3936	NC	5772
KO4OL	Glenn	6583	KY	5643
WG7Y	Robert	11830	WY	5088
K7ZYV	Carl	3426	MS	4992
AE2L	Joshua	1912	NC	4475
N6NAX	Donald	8884	AZ	4320
VE2AWR	Serge	10370	QC	3780
KR4M	Robert	8553	SC	3564
W4XJ	Randy	11762	VA	3363
K4UK	Stan	2934	VA	3276
KD5MJJ	Hank	8180	TX	2982
KH6HHS	Talley	9579	VA	2788
K1DVA	Roland	9318	NM	2604
KB6NU	Dan	9342	MI	2400
N3EF	Eric	11863	MD	2375
KG9LZ	Thomas	5769	IL	2340
KI4GUP	Barry	11374	NC	2320
K9XL	Ray	8469	IL	2280
VE1ZAC	Jeff	2048	NS	2226
KE9GM	Gregory	6920	IN	2100
WB4FSF	Bonnie	2975	FL	2074
NG6X	David	719	CA	1890
KS0M	Dick	3067	MO	1840
VE7ZWA	Dale	11485	BC	1568
K0TO	Ron	10722	MN	1540

W0CGR	Gary	5109	CO	1400
KG6TWU	Ron	10990	CA	1380
K5YQF	Cecil	8077	TX	990
W0QQS	Bruce	10690	MN	960
K1ATL	Robert	11724	NH	936
WB2ART	Ken	3456	NY	924
WB2LOS	Mike	6178	NY	770
W9INA	Maynard	10919	IN	770
PA0OI	Ger	6437	NET	605
NY2V	Frederick	1293	NY	570
KI4IDK	Richard	11585	NC	513
KA2HDO	Horace	8169	NY	245
K8VFR	Rosemarie	5602	MI	210
N5KEV	Kevin	11320	NM	192
W2GIW	Ken	11385	NJ	180
KC0OFK	Dave	9535	CO	175
G3ZRJ	Tony	7727	ENG	5

### Club Category

<i>Call</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>FISTS #</i>	<i>ST</i>	<i>Score</i>
W8EOC	Medina 2 Meter Group	10250	OH	26576
W1FFF	Southwestern NH FISTS Club	11250	NH	15717
K7FFF	FISTS Northwest	4400	WA	12512
W4FFF	FISTS Club of North Carolina	8806	NC	11966
W1AEC	Southeastern Mass ARA	10555	MA	10620
W9VT	Tritown Radio Amateur Club	N/A	IL	8400
N2MO	Ocean Monmouth ARC	10400	NJ	8046
N5FFF	Red Stick FISTS Club	9250	LA	3772
NJ2BB	Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station	9262	NJ	1470

### QRP Category

<i>Call</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>FISTS#</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Score</i>
W5KDJ	Wayne	10060	TX	7476
W0PQ	David	11511	NE	5434
AI4JW	Jason	10948	VA	3859
WA2BQI	Bud	2009	NY	3100
AA4NO	Bill	1729	NC	2839
N5EBD	Ken	9465	TX	2540
W5TVW	Sandy	5144	LA	1840
WB4HUL	Sidney	3540	VA	1755
K8JV	Jim	2372	MI	1700
W2LJ	Larry	1469	NJ	1610
VA3RKM	Bob	11797	ON	1564
K4YKI	Norm	2166	KY	1524
K2HYD	Ray	10980	VA	1045
W0OOW	Steve	7808	NE	804
W9UQB	Mike	3687	AZ	737
KE0A	Rod	4969	ND	720
K9EW	Ed	11126	IL	650
KA8MPT	John	9552	OH	585
KR2F	Vincent	4582	NY	450
K4KO	Greg	10584	TN	385
K4NVJ	Joe	3979	AL	210
WA3RML	Andrew	9449	TX	150

# SPRINT SOAPBOX

Bill Beardshawt, **AA4NO**, NC FISTS# 1729 Had a great time, looking forward to the next one.

Jason Wright, **AI4JW**, VA FISTS #10948 Finished building and tweaking my Elecraft K1 and decided to go QRP for the first time in a FISTS sprint. Wonderful decision!  
I had a blast and met a bunch of new FISTS.

Roland Bibeau, **K1DVA**, NM FISTS #9318 Lots of fun especially with N3FJP's logging program.

Greg Tomerlin, **K4KO**, TN FISTS #10584 Radio - Elecraft K1 (3W PEP) Ant - 40M dipole @ 42'. We should do this more often! Thanks for the QSOs.

Milt Colema, **K4OSO**, VA FISTS #11383 Low sunspot activity or not, I'm having a ball. Had lots of fun on 20 and 40. Even got to work an FOC station (K4BAI-John) What an honor!

Cecil Turquette, **K5YQF**, TX FISTS #8077 Operating fixed mobile on a short whip. Not many contacts but worked my first Nova Scotia on CW.

Lee Barrett, **K7NM**, UT FISTS #8233 Only could operate for a little over an hour due to other obligations and still really enjoyed it! Great operators and good conditions!

John Dvoracek, **KE5C**, TX FISTS #7295 My first part-time fists sprint. I think you would have a lot better participation if this contest was not at such an unwieldy time of a fall, fine weather, football afternoon. Why not saturday or sunday evening? True that other contests span such an afternoon, but they are longer contests which must span the afternoon. The NA Sprint is very successful and run during the evening.

Frank Hurlbut, **KL7FH**, AK FISTS #11715 I had a blast in my first sprint with FISTS. The only band open was 20m but still had fun! I quit one hour early for another engagement. Thanks to all who worked me.

Dick White, **KSOM**, MO FISTS #3067 I was set to use my new Mark-5 Field in it's first contest. Less than two hours into the Sprint, one of my sons and family arrived. I had to visit with the grand children as they live three hours from my QTH. I always enjoy the FISTS Sprints and will be ready for the next one. Thanks to all who did work me.

Jesse Hickman, **N3RSD**, DE FISTS #2411 Great fun! Nice to have members with larger numbers than mine.

Ken Franke, **N5EBD**, TX FISTS #9465 Missed first hour, otherwise had a nice effort QRP.

John Kerr, **N8JK**, OH FISTS #5034 Sprint was a lot of fun.

Robert McKenzie, **VA3RKM**, ONT FISTS #11797 My first FISTS sprint. It's a good contest for casual contesters, with lots of participants for the four hours and moderate speed CW. FT-817, 5W, dipole and vertical.

Jeffrey Smith, **VE1ZAC**, NS FISTS #2048 Couldn't work the whole thing, but it was fun. Software makes a difference!

David Moses, **W0PQ**, NE FISTS #11511 Very few contacts with CA and Zero Land, Elecraft K1 & G5RV.

Don Summers, **W4DON**, NC FISTS #3936 Good condx on 40 & 20, but 20 opened to west late in Sprint.

Rick Eller, **W4FFF**, NC FISTS #8806 Great fun, again! 15 meters was open but practically no activity there.

Randy Sly, **W4XJ**, VA FISTS #11762 What a great time! My first Sprint...

Wayne Rogers, **W5KDJ**, TX FISTS #10060 Where us everyone? Fun contest but need more operators. CU next test.

Sandy Blaize, **W5TVW**, LA FISTS #5144 Conditions kinda "so-so" here. Not the usual big crowd on 20 meters. Practically nil activity on 15 meters. 40 meters picked up during latter part of the sprint. Had some awesome line noise on 40 meters at times! (This has happened since Katrina went thru here!) Rather a poor score. Hope conditions improve for next time.

Ed Eyerdom, **W8EOC**, OH FISTS #10250 Club station, W8EOC, multi-operator. Fred, K8FH worked 40 meters & Ed, K8NVR worked 20 meters.

Louis Hodges, **W9IL**, IL FISTS #11187 20 and 40 were the only bands I found any activity on....seemed rather slow this time, but it was interesting!

Dwight Bosselman, **W9YQ**, WI FISTS #2765 Lots of cw timing problems with N3FJP's log, lots of activity, lots of fun!

Andrew Measday, **WA3RML**, TX FISTS #9449 Tried QRP with my new KX1 - but mediocre antennas. Tough going!

Ken Kaplan, **WB2ART**, NY FISTS #3456 My first FISTS Sprint. Fun on a rainy day in NY!!

Barry Baker, **K4CZ** (KI4GUP), NC FISTS #11374 Had a great time and would like to thank all the ops who graciously QRS for us new guys! This was my third FISTS Sprint. In the spring and summer, I operated under my old callsign, KI4GUP. My personal goal for the Fall Sprint was to reach 1000 points by working the entire 4 hour sprint and averaging 5-6 QSOs per hour. I did manage to work almost the entire 4 hours. By averaging a little over 7 QSOs per hour and getting more multipliers than expected, I more than doubled my total point goal. Looking forward to the Winter Sprint and achieving a new

goal.

Ron Dodge, **K0TC**, MN FISTS #10722 As a non- contesteer, I always enjoy these Sprints. CU on the next one!

Stan Reas, **K4UK**, VA FISTS #2934 Gas prices and a surprise Birthday party meant that I did not go to PA to run mobile in their QSP Party. I did participate in it from home. I broke away from the party at 1806 UTC to participate in the Sprint. But I had to quit at 1927 UTC to go to the party. Biggest kick was working Frank, KL7FH on 20 meters. I had hoped to work KN0WCW/KL7 but didn't hear him. I still think we need to change the date of the Fall Sprint so that it does not compete with the PA QSO Party. Conditions were very good here in Virginia. But I was again disappointed to hear no DX members in the Sprint.

Donals Smith, **N6NAX**, AZ FISTS #8884 I think the Get Your Feet Wet contest was a success. Maybe it would be nice to hold a Sprint contest in the novice portions of the bands. Then they could participate.

Ray Albers, **K2HYD**, VA FISTS #10980 My first FISTS Sprint operated QRP while visiting at my son's QTH in NC. Elecraft KX-1 at 3W, Zip cord antenna in the attic.

Rosemarie Robinson, **K8VER**, MI FISTS #5602 Had to work at public service until 4:15pm. Boo-Hoo

Eric Fairbank, **N3EF**, CT FISTS #11863 Enjoyed my first CW Sprint after "Getting My Feet Wet" recently.

Mike Fitzpatrick, **WB2LOS**, NY FISTS #6178 Contest should be longer. More fun.

Dale Boissonneauit, **VE7ZWA**, BC FISTS #11485 This was my first contest in over 30 years and I quite enjoyed it! Looking forward to the Winter Sprint!

Tritown AMateur Radio Club, **K9PMY**, IL Our first FISTS contest using club station and call sign. Had so much fun, we got a FISTS Number for the next one.

Bonnie Taylor, **WB4FSF**, FL FISTS #2975 It was lots of fun!

Ocean Monmouth ARC (OMARC), **N2JJF**, NJ FISTS #10441 Second Club Sprint. 4 ops. Had great time.

Larry Makoski, **W2LJ**, NJ FISTS #1469 Had a great time, even though I was only able to put in a very limited amount of time. Station was my K2 at 5 watts to my G5RV at 30 feet. I'm looking forward to the next Sprint!

Norman Smith, **K4YKI**, KY FISTS #2166 My award for 1st place in the Summer Sprint QRP class arrived in today's mail. Nice, since at the beginning of this Fall Sprint, I felt like doing something else the band was so poor. Later on it seemed to get better, at least I heard more, but the rapid QSB was the

worst ever. Tried a KY friend of mine about 10 times and finally gave up. ps: Lots of time between some Qs.

Wendy Kincaid, **KB1AF**, FL FISTS 9292 Wonderful Sprnt. Great participation and conditions better than expected. Used lots of cigarettes and coffee.

Hank Lesesne, **KD5MJJ**, TX FISTS #8180 Always fun. The noise was down on 40 meters and managed several QSO's which is not normal for me. 20 meters was the work horse. WN1GIV and W4MY pounded in on 20 meters the entire period.

Fred Adsit, **NY2V**, NY FISTS #1293 First Sprint. Had only one hour to operate. Not a contest fan but this was no-pressure fun.

Southwestern NH FISTS Club, **W1FFF**, NH FISTS #11250 I am not a contesteer, but I feel Sprints are gentleman contests that promote good operating practices. I put in about 3-1/2 hours and had a ball. I wish folks would use 80 meters. I also felt badly about operating on or near 14.060 with 100 watts, but it was very crowded on 20 meters.

Talley George, **KH6HHS**, VA FISTS #9579 At my QTH in VA, props were very regionalized to W2, W4, W8, and W9. Surprisingly few W5s. Thanks to Lou/W9IL for informing me that the contest had ended, otherwise I would probably still be calling CQ FISTS and hunting and pouncing!

Robert Hartly, **K2QJ**, NJ FISTS #6163 Great contest, condx good, low noise levels. VE stations not heard today and many states were not heard.

Red Stick FISTS Club, **N5FFF**, LA FISTS #9250 I was able to work the full 4 hours and had a great time. We are now waiting for the C2C weekend.

Bud Peterson, **WA2BQI**, NY FISTS #2009 Very poor condx, 20/15 never opened up. 40 was loaded. Hope to see everyone next Sprint. Finally operated for complete contest!

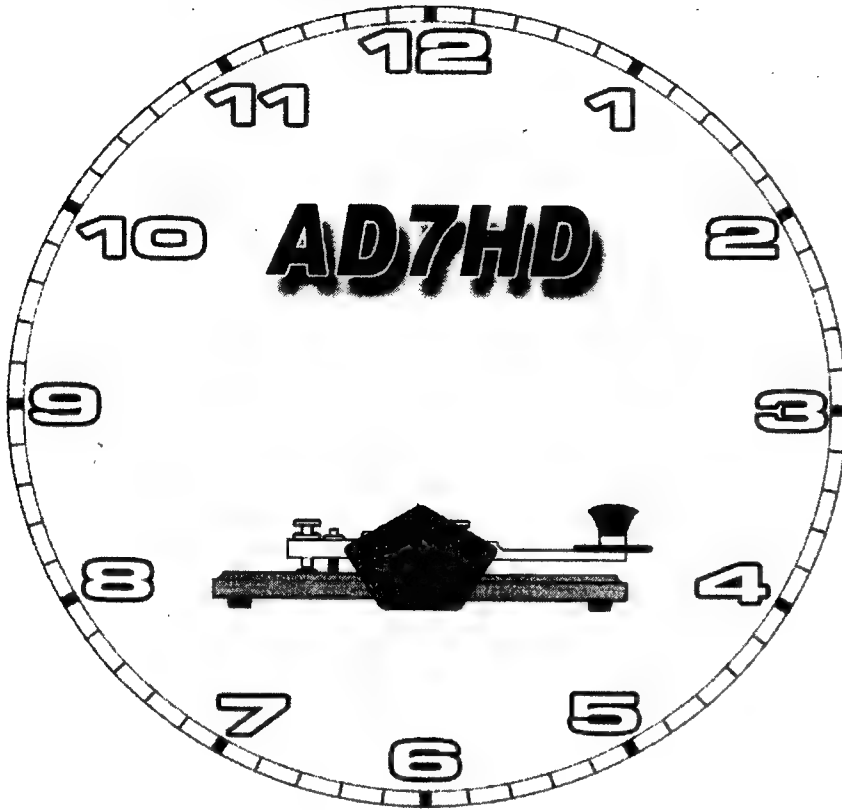
Sidney Scott, **WB4HUL**, VA FISTS #3540 This was my first year running QRP (4W) and I had a great time. Had to switch from the K1 to the Ten-Tec 1340 when the K1 audio began sounding like everyone was under water. I went back to the K1 when I switched to 20 meters to finish out the contest. Overall it was a lot of fun and can't wait until the next one.

Dave Busenbark, **KC0OFK**, CO FISTS #9535 My first contest. Thanks to everyone.

Gary Atkins, **W0CGR**, CO FISTS #5109 Only 30 minutes of ops. but great fun.

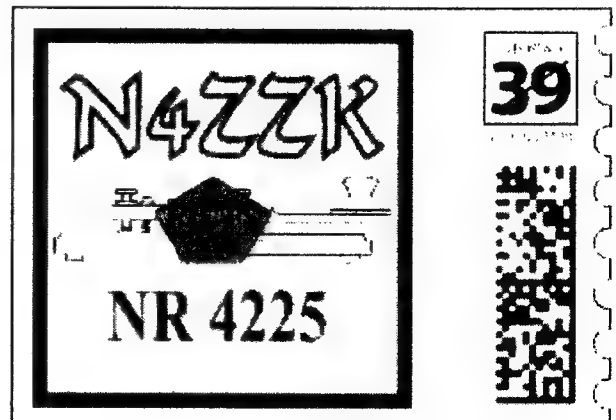
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**FISTS are promoting our group in some very creative ways!  
Here are a couple that were brought to my attention:**



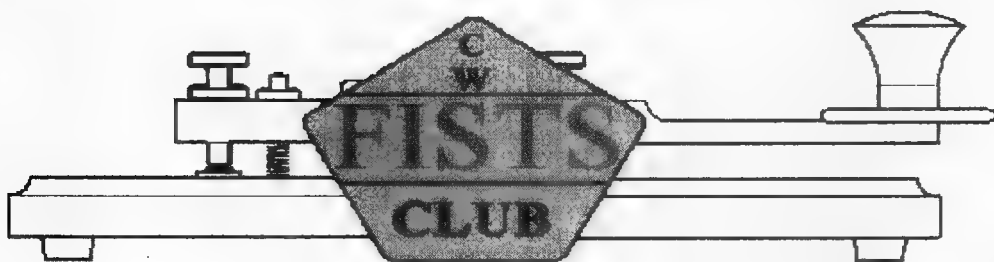
Lou, AD7HD, had his friend make this clock for him - pretty cool!!

Al, N4ZZK, had a batch of personalized stamps made for those “special” QSOs. The stamps cost more than normal stamps, but what fun!





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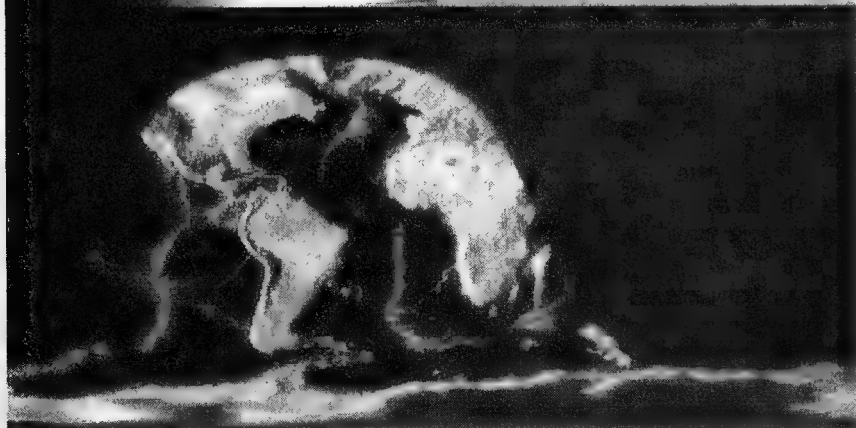
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**Hi, Fellow FISTS !**

One night, I was calling CQ on 40m. My station is equipped with IC-756pro3 and Cushcraft R8 which is mounted on a 3m-long-steel pipe in my front yard. Running 50 watts, I got calls from UA3 and W6 station. It was sort of exciting for me because it is rare to have such DX contacts with my tiny system. The band was so noisy at that time but the condx seemed to be good. Imagine the radio wave that was radiated from my R8, an omni directional antenna, traveled within a 7000km radius and reached the other shore of the Pacific and also reached UA3 area beyond Ural Mountains. The fact will tell you something. The ionosphere plays a wonderful role for us to reach our friends who live worldwide. "DXing" is not the word only for big guns who have enormous antennas and boatanchors but for us who have tiny equipment and less power. We can hear a lot of FISTS NA members' sigs on the web radio in S.L.C., Utah and listen to the bands with our rigs at the same time. Sometimes, your chatting is heard here in JA, so it seemed possible to exchange our FISTS numbers and messages. Hopefully, a lot of FISTS members listen attentively to the signals from overseas and catch on to whisperous signals your friends send.

**This issue.....**

In this issue, I'd like to introduce a new member UK/JI2MED/Manabu who is really active from Tashkent, Uzbekistan. And it will be followed by some messages of FISTS EA members. Especially, you will be interested in our new award program "MAR06" explained by Nao, JO3HPM. In closing, our sincere friend Giancarlo in Italy tells us his wonderful memory of Christmas days in his childhood.

## *A New Member*

### **UK/JI2MED Manabu Shimoyashiro FISTS#15020**

He has been our friend and really active on the air. Some of us have had QSOs with him from time to time .when the condx permitted. He often posts some messages on our FISTS EA message board and also an active member of JARL A1club. He has a good fist and enjoys chatting with us and other stations in EU or Russia. Living in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, he often goes on his business trip to EU or some other Russian regions and occasionally visits some HAMs there. What he does for his living in Uzbekistan? Ask him when you meet him on the bands. Hi. We are really happy to welcome him and hope him to check in our CW NET constantly.



His daughter, Yuko, born in July 2003 in Tashkent, is very busy to handle big pile-up, not disturbing her dad...



With JJ5A JJ8YI 4K4K

## **Most Active Rag chewer in 2006 (MAR06)**

**By JO3HPM / Nao, FISTS#15008**

FISTS EA has announced new annual award. In a non-English speaking country like Japan, there are few CW rag chewers using English. They all know the international Morse code, but when they meet the English language "wall", they soon give up normal conversation and begin only to work a rubber stamp, 5NNBK type of QSO or WABUN (Japanese character code). This is sad. Our radio waves on the HF bands easily reach to all over the world. So if they can be a little courageous, they will discover more fun in their CW.

We welcome applications from all over the world.

### **OBJECTIVE**

1. To increase participation in the FEA CW Net.
2. To encourage all amateur operators to try CW chatting, going one step beyond a rubber stamp QSO.

### **PERIOD**

From 00:00 Jan 1st 2006 to 23:59 Dec 31st 2006, local time

### **SCORING**

You get one point for:

1. Participation in the FEA CW Net.
2. Every QSO beyond a rubber stamp, 5NNBK, or contest style QSO. If you think you deserve a point, then it counts.

Please judge yourself fairly.

Send me a report of your points whenever and as often as you like. In addition to your QSO points, please send a comment. For example: -

"I joined the FEA CW NET 50 times consecutively"

"My longest chatting time is 150 minutes."

"I chat for over 30 minutes once a week."

### **ELIGIBLE STATIONS**

All amateur stations are eligible. It's not necessary to be a member of FISTS.

### **AWARD**

We will give an award to the station with the highest points. We will also have a special award for the comment that impresses us the most.

### **SEND YOUR POINTS OR QUESTIONS TO**

email: jo3hpm at feacw dot net OR jo3hpm at fists dash ea dot org>

Naoyasu Hosoda

2-7-2-401, Kouto, Shingu-cho, Tatsuno-shi, Hyogo 679-5165, Japan

### **EMAIL FORMAT**

Please write "[FEA MAR06]-your\_call\_sign" in the Subject line of the email, and your call sign, name, number of points, and comment in the body of the email.

### **EXAMPLE EMAIL**

Subject: [FEA MAR06] JO3HPM

Message:

Call sign: JO3HPM

Name: Nao

Point: 123

Comment: I joined the FEA CW NET50times consecutively.

### **RESULTS**

We will announce the results often on the FEA web page and in newsletters. Final results will be announced next January.

# FISTS EA Most Active Ragchewer in 2006

Last Update: 2006 Feb 5

Rank	Call	Name	Point	Comment	Reporting date (Y/M/D)
1	JJ8KGZ	Leo	60	I have never had rubber stamp QSOs since last October. I always add some comments even if they want to keep their rubber stamp.	2006/1/31
2	JO3HPM	Nao	24	Please send me your report.	2006/1/29
3	JG0MWU	Ken	15	I made 15 QSOs like below. (Date Callsign Band Comment) Jan.12 JR4QUV 40m ABT WE ARE CW BEGINNER Jan.12 JA4PSV 40m ABT PRONUNCIATION OF CITY'S NAME Jan.14 JA6FOF 30m ABT HVY SNOW Jan.14 JA6AER 30m ABT HIS BEAM ANT Jan.14 JO3HPM 80m ABT ANT ES NUMBER OF QSOS ES SO ON Jan.15 NET 40m FISTS EA NET Jan.15 JG0SXC 20m ABT FISTS EA NET ES DX QSO Jan.15 JF7UTR 40m ABT HOW DEEP SNOW ABOVE GND Jan.17 JK4USW 40m ABT CHOSHU-RIKI Jan.17 JO3HPM 80m ABT NUMBER OF QSOS ES MY JOB Jan.21 DS3LHG 40m ABT HIS FB 5W QRP SIG ES ANT Jan.26 BX2AN 40m FISTS QSO ABT QSL VIA FISTS BURO SURE Jan.30 JA4SEU 40m ABT HIS NEW RIG IC-7000M Jan.30 DS3CCO 40m ABT AGE ES JOB ES I LIKE KUPPA Jan.31 JA1CCA 80m ABT MIZORE NOT SNOW SUM OF JAN.2006 = 15pts.	2006/1/31
4	JK7UST	Sugi	13	3 FISTS Member	2006/2/4
5	JE1TRV	Atsu	11	Have fun !	2006/1/28

## FIST on the Snowboard JG0MWU / Ken, FISTS# 15015



Hello FISTS members.

It is snowing very hard in this winter here in Nagano Japan. In local ski area, there is much snow about 4 meters above ground level. So I can ride on deep powder snow almost every time when I go snowboarding. I don't know how many snowboarders can work on short wave with Morse code. I think it is only a few people in the world. But I hope to meet another snowboarder on the air someday. 73. de JG0MWU "Ken"



Dear FISTS,

Very fine edition of your bulletin. I hope to continue to receive it. I think that Christmas day has for Japanese people not the same meaning as for Europeans. It is part a religious tradition, the crib, and part, the tree, is coming from north Europe folk's traditions. Furthermore it is both in Europe and in USA Christmas mainly an occasion to exchange gifts.

When I was a kid I went with my father in the wood near my birth village on the mountains to cut a fir for the Christmas tree. He was very very pedantic: fir must be regular and high about 2, 5-3 meter. He bought similar trees when living in Bolzano and I continued in Milan and in Bresso also after the marriage until years '90.

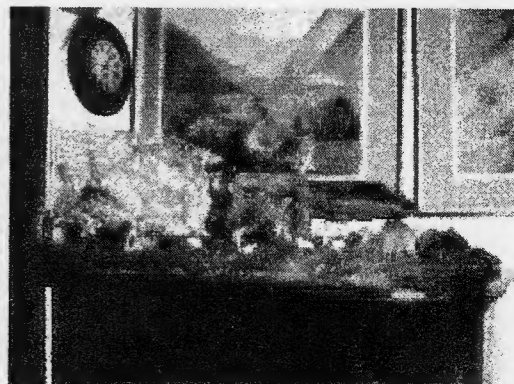
It became very difficult because of the municipality laws to get rid of it. So we mad a little synthetic tree as for the picture. We made also the crib (creche ? Presepe in Italian) with old musk that we had taken in the wood of my Valley the last time it was possible for me go back there.

And at last a picture of part of the Christmas gifts which we used to put near the tree (under the tree until it was high).

Since Dec 2003 the crib is made by my wife and the little tree by my sons. In 2004 It was the last time I could see them with my eyes. Now it is possible just through the digital camera of my daughter. I cannot more walk to the sitting room!!!! As in 2004 we four had at Christmas 2005 the meals on our bed and the same for Jan 1st. Despite of all we have much amused.

So my dear, we wish you all the very best in the year just begun.

Giancarlo



## **FISTS EA Activities**

### **Suggested Calling Frequencies**

You can find FISTS members on/near following recommended calling frequencies.  
QSO's should be QSY'd another frequency.

<b>FISTS</b>	<b>160m</b>	<b>80m</b>	<b>40m</b>	<b>30m</b>	<b>20m</b>	<b>17m</b>	<b>15m</b>	<b>12m</b>	<b>10m</b>	<b>6m</b>	<b>2m</b>
<b><u>East Asia</u></b>	-	-	-	10.118 10.138 (*1)	14.058	18.085	21.058	24.918	28.058 28.158 (*2)	-	-
<b>HQ/Europe</b>	-	3.558	7.028	-	14.058	-	21.058	-	28.058	-	-
<b>North America</b>	1.808	3.558 3.708	7.028 7.058 7.118	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	50.058	144.058
<b>Down Under</b>	1.808	3.528	7.028	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	-	-
<b>QRP calling freqs (*3)</b>	-	-	-	10.106 10.116	14.060	18.086 18.096	21.060 21.110	24.906 24.910	28.060 28.110	-	-

(\*1) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use 10.130 to 10.150.

(\*2) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use above 28.100.

(\*3) International QRP calling frequencies are neighborhood.

### **FISTS East Asia CW Net**

We have informal CW sessions for ANYONE who wants to practice English QSO.

<b>When</b>	on Sundays @ East Asia
<b>Part I</b>	between 7.025MHz and 7.030MHz, sometimes between 18.080MHz and 18.085MHz
	starting 2300UTC on Saturdays (0700 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 0800 JST on Sundays)
<b>Part II</b>	between 14.050MHz and 14.055MHz
	starting 0800UTC on Sundays (1600 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 1700 JST on Sundays)
<b>Speed</b>	12WPM to 15WPM
<b>Controlled by</b>	Nao, JO3HPM, Sugi, JK7UST/JE7YTQ, and Chen, BX2AH
<b>Managed by</b>	Nao, JO3HPM
<b>Any other announcements</b>	might be posted to the English BBS.*

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No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participant
59-2	2006/2/5	0800-0900	14.054	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	UK/JI2MED(Manabu), BX2AH(Chen), VR2DL(Tat)
59-1	2006/2/4	2300-2330	7.0255	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JE1TRV(Atsu), JG0SXC(Man)
58-2	2006/1/29	0800-0900	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	JL8MIL(Jun), JE1TRV(Atsu)
58-1	2006/1/21	none	none	none	none
57-2	2006/1/22	0800-0900	14.053	JO3HPM(Nao)	UK/JI2MED(Manabu), JE1TRV(Atsu), BX2AH(Chen)
57-1	2006/1/21	2300-2440	7.0275	JO3HPM(Nao)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JE1TRV(Atsu), JF3KNW(Nobu)
56-2	2006/1/15	0800-0820	14.0545	JO3HPM(Nao)	UK/JI2MED(Manabu)
56-1	2006/1/14	2300-2345	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0MWU(Ken)



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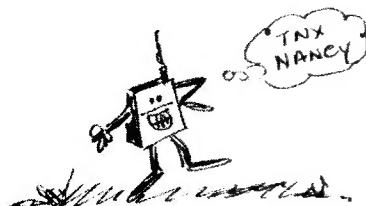
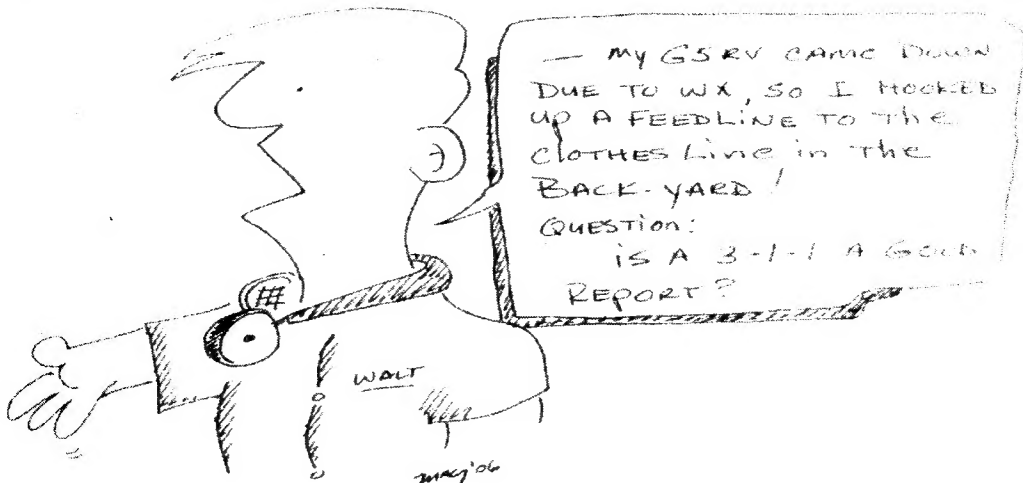
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